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SUBJECT:US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: PROJECT 02.06-21

1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING LETTER DATED JANUARY 12, 1978, TO SIMONOV FROM DUKE WITH COPY TO KAZAKOV OF HYDROMET.

2. JANUARY 12, 1978 02.06-21

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DEAR ANATOLIY:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR RECENT LETTER DISCUSSING SEVERAL ONGOING ACTIVITIES UNDER PROJECT 02.06-21 "EFFECT OF POLLUTANTS ON UNCLASSIFIED

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MARINE ORGANISMS." I HOPE THAT BY NOW YOU HAVE RECEIVED MY LETTER OF DECEMBER 16, 1977, IN WHICH THE DATES OF FEBRUARY 26-MARCH 5, 1978, WERE PROPOSED FOR THE VISIT OF THE SOVIET SPECIALISTS FOR THE JOINT LONG-TERM RESEARCH DISCUSSIONS. IF YOU HAVE NOT YET SENT US A CONFIRMATION OF

THESE DATES AND A LIST OF SOVIET PARTICIPANTS, PLEASE DO SO

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SINCE WE MUST MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MEETING AND CONTACT THE US PARTICIPANTS IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

DURING THE TRIP TO CALIFORNIA, THE SOVIET SPECIALISTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT DR. JOHN MARTIN'S LABORATORY AT THE MOSS LANDING MARINE RESEARCH LABORATORY WHERE MOST OF OUR METALS ANALYSIS IS DONE. DURING THIS TIME, WE CAN ALSO BEGIN WORK ON THE RESEARCH PROPOSALS.

DURING THE DISCUSSIONS TO BE HELD IN GULF BREEZE, WE INTEND TO CONCENTRATE ON THE AREAS AGREED TO IN THE WORKING GROUP PROTOCOL OF MAY 1977--I.E., INFLUENCE OF POLLUTION ON THE BIOTA IN THE GULF STREAM AND NORTH ATLANTIC CURRENT SYSTEM; DEVELOPMENT AND VERIFICATION OF CALCULATION AND FORECAST MODELS OF PRIMARY PRODUCTIVITY; EXCHANGE OF CHEMICALS AND LABORATORY WORK ON THE INFLUENCE OF POLLUTION ON SHELF AND ESTUARINE ORGANISMS; AND LABORATORY MICROBIOLOGICAL WORK. ONE OF OUR MAIN AREAS OF INTEREST IS THE EXCHANGE OF CHEMICALS AND RELATED LABORATORY WORK. AS PHASE I OF THIS ACTIVITY, WE WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST AN EXCHANGE OF TOXAPHENE (POLYCHLOROCAMPHENONE, C₁₀H₁₀Cl₈), A TOXIC ORGANIC COMPOUND WHICH IS NOW UNDER STUDY IN OUR LABORATORY. WE ARE PREPARED TO GIVE YOU A SAMPLE OF US PRODUCED TOXAPHENE IN EXCHANGE FOR A SAMPLE OF SOVIET PRODUCED TOXAPHENE. LABORATORY TESTS WOULD THEN BE CONDUCTED, FOLLOWED BY A UNCLASSIFIED

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DATA EXCHANGE. A PRELIMINARY REPORT COULD BE PRESENTED AT THE SECOND HYDROBIOLOGICAL SYMPOSIUM, AFTER WHICH A FINAL JOINT REPORT WOULD BE PREPARED AND PUBLISHED. A SAMPLE OF SOVIET PRODUCED TOXAPHENE HAS ALREADY BEEN REQUESTED FROM THE SOVIET EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT (SHOSTAL LETTER TO KAZAKOV, DECEMBER 16, 1977) BY OTHER EPA SCIENTISTS DURING LAB RESEARCH ON THIS CHEMICAL.

AS A BASIS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION IN THE AREA OF BIOLOGICAL MODELS AND MICROBIOLOGICAL RESEARCH, WE WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST WORK ON MICROCO_SMS. DR. FRANK WILKES OF MY STAFF, TOGETHER WITH MR. CLINTON HALL, RECENTLY DELIVERED A PAPER ON MICROCO_SMS AS INDICATORS OF ECOSYSTEM STRESS AT THE THIRD US-USSR SYMPOSIUM ON COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS OF THE ENVIRONMENT IN TASHKENT UNDER PROJECT 02.07-21. WE WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH A COPY OF THIS PAPER DURING THE MEETING.

WE WILL ALSO BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS YOUR PROPOSAL FOR A SECOND STAGE OF THE INTERCALIBRATION OF HYDROBIOLOGICAL METHODS FOR ANALYZING MARINE ECOSYSTEMS, AS WELL AS THE TIMEFRAME ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH AN ACTIVITY AND US PARTICIPANTS.

REGARDING THE SECOND HYDROBIOLOGICAL SYMPOSIUM, WE AGREE WITH THE TIME AND LOCATION FOR THE SYMPOSIUM AND WITH YOUR TOPIC PROPOSALS. WE WILL BE READY TO FURTHER DISCUSS THE LATTER DURING THE FEBRUARY MEETING.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO INFORM YOU THAT WE HAVE JUST MAILED DR. CARPENTER'S FIGURES (HYDROBIOLOGICAL I) TO OUR EMBASSY IN MOSCOW FOR TRANSMITTAL TO DR. BURDIN PER HIS REQUEST. REGARDING THE CHEMICAL SYMPOSIUM PROCEEDINGS, ACCORDING TO THE EPA PUBLICATIONS MANUAL, UNPUBLISHED DATA AND PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS ARE CITED ONLY IN THE TEXT OF THE REPORT BY SURNAME AND DATE. HOWEVER, WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF CONTACTING THE US AUTHORS MENTIONED IN YOUR RECENT LETTER FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE UNPUBLISHED DATA AND PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS WHICH THEY CITED IN THEIR REPORTS. WE WILL PROVIDE THIS TO YOU AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING, ALONG WITH MR. BISCAYE'S FIGURES AND COPIES OF THE NECESSARY ITEMS FROM DR. WINDOM'S AND DR. TUREKIAN'S PAPERS. WE HAVE NO PROBLEMS WITH THE ORDER FOR THE REPORTS WHICH YOU HAVE SUGGESTED. IN REVIEWING THE SOVIET TEXTS, WE HAVE FOUND THAT IN SEVERAL CASES REFERENCES AND FIGURES ARE MISSING AND SEVERAL FIGURES ARE UNCLEAR. WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IT IF THE SOVIET SPECIALISTS WOULD BRING WITH THEM IN FEBRUARY COPIES OF THE FOLLOWING. (PRINCIPAL AUTHORS AND ENGLISH TEXT PAGE NUMBERS ARE CITED.)

SIMONOV - REFERENCES FOR WORK CITED ON PGS. 1, 3, 5, 25; COPIES OF ALL FIGURES (OUR COPIES ARE NOT CLEAR ENOUGH FOR PRINTING).

POLUEKTOV - FIGURES (NONE ATTACHED TO OUR COPIES OF THE PAPER).

RYABININ - FIGURES (WE HAVE THE CAPTIONS, BUT THE FIGURES ARE MISSING).

DOMANOV - REFERENCES FOR WORKS CITED ON PGS. 3, 4, 5, 8; CLEAR COPY OF FIGURE 2.

WE ARE AWAITING THE FINAL VERSION OF THE PROKOFYEV AND MIKHAILOV PAPERS.

LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR VISIT.

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